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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 8, 2003 (hereinafter the Office Action), has been received and reviewed. Claims 2 and 5 through 10 are currently pending in the application, and claims 2 and 5 through 10 stand rejected. Applicants have herein amended claims 2 and 5 through 10. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 2 and 5 through 10 are rejected in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 requires that the specification of a patent application "conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention." In the present application, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 5 through 10 particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter that Applicants regard to be their invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2 and 5 through 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Claims 2 and 5 through 10 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,



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